The moratorium has been declared in the general interest of the depositors of United Industrial Bank Ltd., Calcutta and is intended to provide a short period of transition during which period, Reserve Bank of India would be finalising its decision regarding future of the United Industrial Bank Ltd., Calcutta. In order to minimise the inconvenience that might be caused to the constituents and the general public during the operation of the moratorium, the United Industrial Bank Ltd., Calcutta has been permitted to make payments to the depositors upto 50% of the total balance in their accounts but not exceeding Rs. 10,000/- in the case of individuals and Rs. 25,000/- in the case of institutions.

Token strike by jute mill workers in West Bengal

351. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 'one day' token strike on June 26, 1989 by more than 160,000 workers in 37 jute mills in West Bengal in response to a call by the Central trade unions demanding Union Governments' intervention for re-opening closed jute mills and payment of statutory arrears against provident fund, gratuity etc.: and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). It is a fact that workers in operating jute mills in West Bengal observed a one day token strike on June 26, 1989 in response to call given by Central trade unions demanding reopening of closed jute mills and payment of statutory arrears etc.

Matters relating to Industrial disputes fall within the jurisdiction of the State Government. It is understood that several rounds of talks have been held by them in this regard.

With a view to improve the performance of the jute sector the Central Government have initiated a number of policy measures like the Jute Modernisation Fund Scheme, Schemes for internal & external market assistance etc. Steps have also been taken to ensure availability of raw jute to mills.

Infiltration into North Eastern Region

352. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 22nd May, 1989 under the caption "Infiltration in North Eastern alarming"; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) BSF are guarding Indo-Bangladesh border. The number of persons apprehended during the year 1988 and 1989 (upto April) is furnished in the attached statement (*See* below). The State Government are also expected to apprehend the infiltrators who managed to evade the vigilance of BSF at the border and enter the State with the intention of setting down there. For this purpose, the State Governments